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Police report highway incidents

On Friday, March 17th, at 11:15 PM, BC Ambulance and Princeton RCMP attended a single vehicle accident on Highway 3 at Blackmine Road.

The driver of a pickup had veered left across the highway into the oncoming lane then swerved back again hitting the ditch/embankment. The passenger fled the scene on foot, leaving the driver behind inside the vehicle. The driver was checked out at the scene and determined not to have any injuries, police continued the investigation of Impaired Driving.

The 21-year old from Kelowna provided two samples of his breath which were 210 and 200, well over the legal limit.

He received a 24 hour driving suspension, an Administrative Driving suspension which comes into effect in 21 days, and he will be automatically prohibited for 90 days, and a Promise to Appear in Court on June 15th, 2006 for charges of Impaired Driving & Driving While Over 80. Police are following up with the passenger for an offence of Failing to Remain at the Scene of an Accident.

On Saturday March 18th, at 4:00 PM, a vehicle was stopped for speeding on Highway 3 east of Princeton. The driver was found to be a prohibited driver and his vehicle was seized and impounded.

The 27-year old male from New Westminster also displayed signs and symptoms of having consumed alcohol and being impaired, he provided two samples of his breath that were 160 & 150. This driver faces numerous charges and is to appear in court on June 15th, 2006, in Princeton.

Bra auction lifts spirits



The Most Valuable Bra at Saturday night's Bra Auction was one created by Cheryl Langlois and Shelly Carlson. Proud owner Steve Jaster of Princeton models the bra he won in a bidding war with the News Leader's George Elliott. Langlois, right, was obviously thrilled that her contribution to the event turned out to be so popular.

*Event
also
raises
awareness*

How much would you pay for a bra? When it's being auctioned off to support a worthy cause, Princeton area residents have no problem spending a few dollars on a bra that's been dressed up, modified or otherwise enhanced.

Barb Gagnon - who works at Ridgewood Lodge - and her friend Paula Anderson of Burnaby are "Team Breast Friends." Both are two-time cancer survivors and are working their way to The Weekend To End Breast Cancer Walk in Vancouver (they also plan to attend the Walk in London, England this September).

The duo came up with a plan for a Bra Auction just over a month ago and enlisted the help of co-workers, friends and acquaintances to create bras for the event.

A total of 37 bras went up for auction last Saturday night at Copper Mountain Bar & Grill, which was filled to capacity. The bras earned just over \$1,500.00 with the MVB - Most Valuable Bra - being a cute little number created by Cheryl Langlois and Shelly Carlson. It fetched the highest price for the evening of \$155.00. The average price was \$40.00.

The list of Bra Artists was impressive with some contributing more than one creation. MC John Haayer kept the crowd entertained and Ruth Hooper, Mary Barron, Kelly Philips (and the PGH Dietary Staff), Joan Arnold, Char Antonick, Dee Matte, Vermilion Court Residents, Barb Gagnon, Dorothy Kozak, Jane Johnson, Jan Goss, Residents of Ridgewood Lodge, Tammy Holland, Jane MacKay, Christine Filipenko, Ginger Challenger, Connie Munsen, The Sun Peaks Girls, Karen Hamilton, Tamaryn Buttress, Paula Anderson, Michelle Jarvis, Cheryl Langlois, Shelly Carlson, Tracy Quevillion and Nicky Timms made the event possible as well as many generous businesses who provided Silent Auction and Door Prize items.

PXA talks motorsport move

The hottest issue at the March 14 meeting of Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA) was the future of the motorsports track in the infield of the racetrack at the fairgrounds. PXA President John Bey, who has done a lot of volunteer work on the Motorsports track, feels it is unsightly and does not work well for the Motorsports group. As well, the rises in the track block visibility of the race-track backstretch in places. Other problems, such as the mud bog pit and the boulders along the track fence, pose a hazard if a jockey is unseated during a race. Bey would like to see it moved to a location where it could be developed strictly for motor sports and Moto-X.

Motorsports Association President Verne Preston appeared dismayed at this statement, as he had come to the meeting to request June 10 and 11 for an Auto-X race.

Councillor Jim Manion spoke on behalf of Motorsports, saying it had begun at a time when it appeared there would be no more horse racing in Princeton, and was begun with the best of intentions. Manion felt there should be some compromise.

PXA Secretary Carol Ruoss brought up an issue about the Motorsports Association members failing to clean up the mess left after their event. Ruoss stated others had had to do the clean-up and she did not feel the group should be allowed dates so close to Racing

Days as the clean-up would not be done in time.

Stan Thompson and Ernie Willis spoke of the need to give Motorsports a fair decision immediately so the group could plan what to do.

After much discussion, PXA members agreed to allow the June event,

PXA plans move ahead

Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA), the management group for Princeton Fairgrounds, is going ahead with more improvements. A new telephone system will be installed to replace the existing system, which is inadequate for horse racing needs.

A water heater for the animal washing station will be installed in the near future. This is important to those people wanting to clean horses, cattle and other livestock on site.

The refreshment area will have a new freezer room built. Gordon Johnson has volunteered to do the construction work, and Jim Barnes is donating the freezer unit.

PXA President John Bey and Secretary Carol Ruoss are working on a project to secure grants from

on condition that the Motorsports Association members do the clean-up and take care of the other problems immediately following the event. If they do not, their user group privileges will be removed and the Motorsports Association will have no choice but to find another location.

many sources to carry out the half million dollars worth of repairs and improvements for the grounds. Letters have gone out to local corporations asking for grants. President Bey said many government grants will match local grants, whether monetary or "in kind", and he is hoping to have enough from local sources to impress government grant committees. He is working with MLA Harry Lali and MP Alex Atamanenko, as well as Town Council and Regional District, to secure enough money to go ahead with the project.

The list of things to be done at the fairgrounds includes a new electrical system, repairs to buildings and fences, and a new building for 4-H activities.

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Copper Mountain Bar & Grill's Nicky Timms shows off the bra she purchased, an interesting model lined with screws and needles created by Tamaryn Buttress.

Museum welcomes students

A local student is learning about archives and museum displays on a work experience program. For two afternoons each week, the student is paired with a Museum Society member to do some of the many tasks required in the museum. Members hope to start a Museum Club at Princeton Secondary School.

Katimavik volunteer Nancy Kingley will be saying good-bye this week as her contingent moves on to a new community. Princeton will welcome a new Katimavik group at the end of this month. Museum Society members took time to express their appreciation to Nancy on Friday afternoon. She has been a real asset to the museum.

When Princeton Museum opens on April 15, visitors will find a number of changes in the Joe Pollard Wing. There are more display cases of fossils and minerals, and there is now a separate room for art works. This new space was created by moving the main office down to the basement.

Museum Society members have asked Town Council for improvements in the plumbing and electrical systems in the museum. A

recent leak in the plumbing is just one more on the list of such incidents.

The electrical system is inadequate for today's needs, and tenants of the building experience frequent outages.

At the March 14 meeting, held in

the Chamber of Commerce meeting room, members were reminded to continue to sell memberships. Museum Society memberships cost only \$10 a year. The next meeting of the Museum Society will take place April 11 in the Chamber meeting room.

Museum promotes party

Princeton Museum members will approach Town Council to ask Council to form a committee for Princeton's 150th birthday in 2010.

In September, 1860, Crown Colony Governor James Douglas named the town in honour of Edward, Prince of Wales, who was visiting North America at the time.

Until then, the small settlement at the confluence of the Tulameen and Similkameen Rivers had been called Vermilion Forks (in reference to the ochre deposits in the bluff behind Home Hardware).

Museum Society members would like the committee appointed so planning for a celebration may begin now.

Riding Club forms

Anyone interested in establishing a riding club in Princeton is welcome to attend a meeting this week.

Gymkhana is a fun way to spend a Sunday with your horse, friends and family. Barrel racing and pole bending are just two of the many exciting events in a Gymkhana.

The Princeton Gymkhana Club

says their mandate is to promote fun, family events for both novice and experienced riders.

The first meeting of this group is set for 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 23rd at the Riverside Wellness Centre.

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Princeton Museum Society members gathered last Friday afternoon to wish Katimavik participant Nancy Kingley a fond farewell. From left, Nick Mills, Evelyn McCallum, Kingley and Kathy Clement share a moment following the presentation of going away gifts and well wishes.

Auxiliary installs two new members

At the regular meeting of the Legion Auxiliary to George Pearkes Branch 56, the highlight was the initiation of two new members, Donna Slatten and Carol Turpin.

A short business meeting followed with upcoming dates for catering discussed.

Light refreshments were then served, supplied by Elizabeth Kightly and Evelyn Cook.

The next meeting is on April 11th at 7:00 PM in the Legion Hall. New members are very welcome to attend.

- submitted by Marion Marsel.

News Leader makes cover

Members of the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) will learn a little more about Princeton in the latest edition of the BCSTA e-Digest.

The March 7th News Leader cover story on the \$35,000.00 award to Princeton from the School Community Connections Program in support of the conversion of

Riverside School to the Riverside Wellness Centre made the front page of the e-Digest.

The story also details an arrangement formed between the UBCM and BCSTA to work together on matters of mutual interest.

The e-Digest, or electronic Newsletter, is distributed to all 60 School Districts in the province.

Council will attend summit

The BC Rural Summit is set for April 20 - 22 in Osoyoos. The Rural Communities Summit will include over 25 workshops and presentations exploring the experiences and will allow for the sharing of lessons learned by rural and remote communities across the province.

Princeton Town Council approved sending a representative from here to the event.

The approval was made at the March 6th meeting of Town Council.

"I think this is in our best interest to participate," Mayor Randy McLean stated.

Council renews contracts

At the March 6th Town Council meeting, Councillor Jim Manion made a motion to authorize the renewal of the Animal and Pest Control Contract.

The contract, for the Town of Princeton with Keith Franklin, runs twelve months from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007. The motion was seconded by Councillor Pam Jones.

Councillor Ray Jarvis made the

motion to authorize the renewal of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Contract for the Town of Princeton with Keith Franklin for the twelve month period commencing April 1, 2006.

Councillor Jim Manion seconded the motion. Both contracts were renewed at the existing rate, although that was not revealed at the time of renewal.

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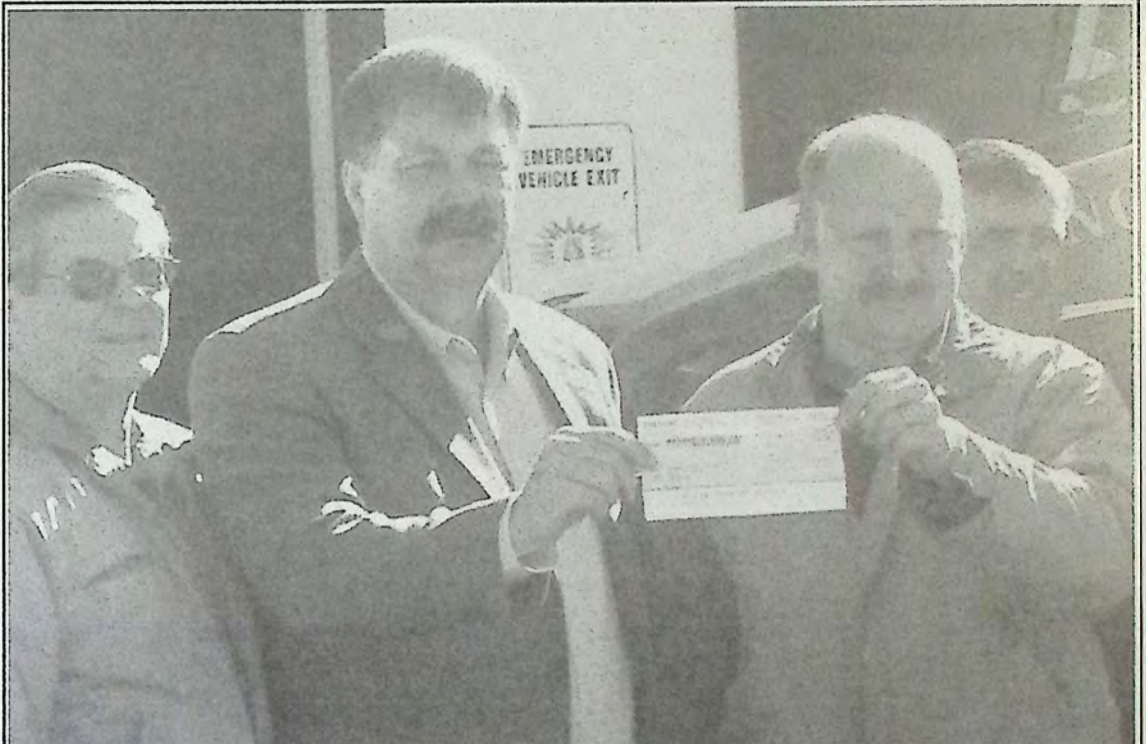
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John Walker, President and CEO FortisBC, centre, presents cheque to Keremeos Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Jody Bosscha. Keremeos Mayor Walter Despot is on the left.
Photo: Alan Thom, www.OkaSimToday.com.

FortisBC sinks jaws into project

by Alan Thom, Publisher
OkaSimToday.com

The Keremeos and District Fire Department is made up of 30 volunteers from the area, so you can imagine that there is not a lot of money for new equipment.

Financially they run a pretty tight ship, so when they had a need to upgrade their Jaws Of Life tool for highway rescue, the crew knew it was going to be a big project. Cost of the new equipment is in excess of \$40-thousand.

The Keremeos Department heads up road rescue in the South Similkameen. Their job is road rescue on highways in three directions. From Keremeos to Yellow Lake, Keremeos to Night Hawk and Keremeos West to the Sterling Creek Bridge.

A big territory to cover, and using equipment not designed for some of today's vehicles. So

when Bob Gibney of FortisBC in Penticton called and said they would like to present a cheque, everyone appreciated the support.

They just didn't know it was going to be \$10-thousand worth of support!

Fire Chief Jody Bosscha says the donation puts the Jaws Of Life Fund over the half way mark, and nearer to three-quarters of the way to achieving their goal. The Keremeos Fire Department wants to raise the money by mid-June.

Bosscha says community support has been excellent in the South Similkameen, so when FortisBC stepped up with \$10-thousand, they knew their goal of raising enough money to buy the new equipment just got a whole lot closer.

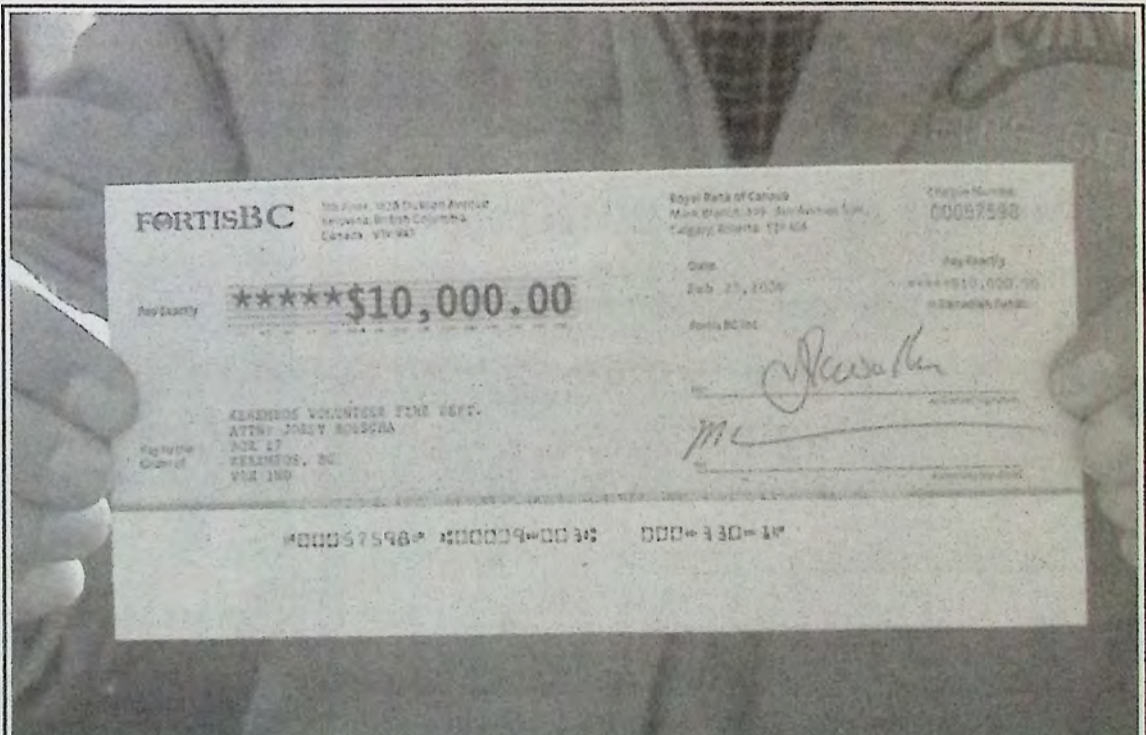
The Keremeos and District Volunteer Fire Department thanks FortisBC for their generosity,

along with President John Walker, for their support. Bosscha also thanks Dean Stevenson of FortisBC, along with Bob Gibney, and Michael Mulcahy of FortisBC Kelowna.

Also in attendance on Monday, March 13th for the ceremony were some of the 30 volunteer members with the department, along with Keremeos Mayor Walter Despot, Roger Mayer and RDOS Directors George Hanson (Area B) and Joe Nitsch (Area G).

Anyone wishing to donate to the fundraising can mail their tax deductible donation to Keremeos and District Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 17, Keremeos, BC VOX 1N0.

The department is made up of a group of people with a great attitude who want to serve their communities. Definitely something worth supporting!



Keremeos Fire Chief Jody Bosscha holds the \$10,000.00 cheque from FortisBC.
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Salt crystal lamps cast an eerie glow during the Healing Arts Fair held March 11th in Keremeos.

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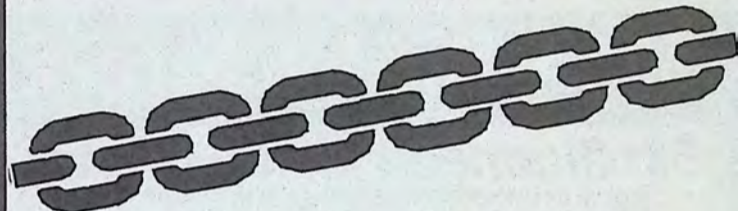
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Chief Holmes returns

An election held March 3 returned Richard Holmes as Chief of Upper Similkameen Indian Band.

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Carmelita Holmes. The new Council will serve three years.

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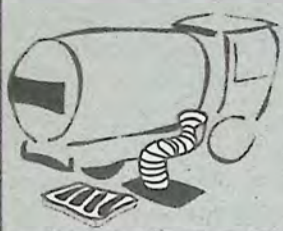
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Capsule Comments



by your Pharmasave Pharmacist Wen Wong

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March is the month we highlight good nutrition. Here's a tip for young girls (and boys too!). Don't skip breakfast. Skipping this important meal will mean missing out on important vitamins and minerals which are not made up throughout the day. Most bone mass occurs before the age of 20 so keeping up calcium intake is very important.

Looking for a good sport to keep in shape? Try badminton. Players run from 3 to 5 miles and burn up 350 calories during three games. It's a great game of endurance, flexibility and agility. Keeps you in shape, too.

We stress the importance of understanding the medications you are taking. Pharmacists hand out an information sheet summary of each drug's effects and side effects but often it might just be too much information. We encourage you to call us if any of the information concerns you.

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posal and talk to your pharmacist about managing your minor health concerns and how to be proactive in your daily healthcare regime."

The ten items are:

1. BC HealthGuide: Provides information on how to recognize and cope with common health concerns.
2. Antihistamines: (ie: Benadryl capsules and creams).
3. Decongestants: (ie: Sudafed and Dimetapp).
4. Pain relievers: (ie: Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen).
5. Cough suppressant: (ie: Benlyn).
6. Anti-diarrheal: (ie: Imodium).

7. Anti-infective creams: (ie: Polysporin).

8. Anti-inflammatory: (ie: Hydrocortisone).

9. Anti-nauseant: (ie: Gravol).

10. First Aid products: Thermometer, sterile cotton balls, antiseptic wipes, hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, scissors.

These products are suggested for adults only. Additional children's products can be found in your local pharmacy. Certain medical conditions may limit the use of some of these products. Please ask your pharmacist for expert advice.

Turbidity campaign provides protection

Thanks to a Turbidity Education & Notification Campaign being developed and delivered by Interior Health (IH) and the larger unfiltered surface water systems in the region, water customers - particularly those most at risk from waterborne disease - will have easier access to information about turbidity.

Turbidity is caused by suspended particles of clay, silt, organic and inorganic matter, plankton, and other microscopic organisms that are picked up by water as it passes through a watershed. Science has proven that as turbidity increases, the risk to human health also increases - particularly for at-risk populations such as newborns, the elderly, and people with compromised immune systems. Contaminants such as viruses, bacteria (e.g. E-Coli), and parasites (e.g. Giardia and Cryptosporidium) can attach themselves to the suspended particles in turbid water.

These particles then interfere with disinfection by shielding contaminants from the disinfectant (e.g. chlorine). Nor is chlorine effective in deactivating Cryptosporidium.

"We now know that health risks increase as turbidity levels rise," explains Senior Medical Health Officer Dr. Paul Hasselback. "In response, IH and its larger, surface-water suppliers have expanded their testing, reporting, and notification regimes to provide better protection, particularly for those who are weak or immuno-compromised. We are launching a turbidity campaign to help those at risk make informed decisions about when to boil or seek alternate sources of drinking water."

To help water suppliers meet their notification requirements, IH is providing them with tool kits containing materials such as news releases, notices, and FAQs. The tool kit also includes the Turbidity Index, a messaging tool designed to notify cus-

tomers of turbidity levels higher than 1 NTU as recommended in the federal Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. Using the following scale: Good (<1 NTU), Fair (1-5 NTU), or Poor (>5 NTU), and specific recommendations for each, the index will be accessible on participating water suppliers websites and through the media.

As noted by Toby Pike, manager of the South East Kelowna Irrigation District and technical chair of the Kelowna Joint Water Committee, "Not only will the turbidity campaign help water suppliers meet the regulatory requirements, it will also help to educate the public and raise awareness of important water resource management issues in Kelowna and throughout Interior Health region. Providing safe, quality water through enhanced treatment and source water protection will be a greater challenge in the future as we face ever increasing demands on our limited water resources. A well-informed public, therefore, is key to making good decisions on water resource management."

"This campaign supports water suppliers exemplary efforts at providing their customers with high-quality drinking water," as noted by Dr. Hasselback, "The efforts of many water treatment operators have resulted in improved water quality over the past decade. This campaign is simply a reflection of increased awareness about the link between public health and turbidity. And as observed by the IHs Clinical Ethics Committee, in many areas of health care, there will be new technology and resources that will help us fine tune our delivery of care, and generate a higher standard. This is the evolutionary nature of scientific knowledge."

The Turbidity Education & Notification Campaign is being rolled out across Interior Health over the next few weeks to ensure water suppliers are well equipped to use and promote it when needed.

For more information, visit our web site at www.interiorhealth.ca.

living past 100

Good health depends on you

Health and health care issues seem to be in the news every day. The media frightens people with reports of flu epidemics of the future, but the real truth is not so newsworthy. Talk of a flu pandemic may scare people, but the world is now suffering from two major pandemics which make less news.

The first pandemic, about which we appear to be able to do very little, is cancer. The second pandemic, which is preventable, is HIV infection. Both cancer and HIV are on the increase worldwide. HIV infection in teenage girls in Canada has increased by 10 percent in the past year.

Rather than being frightened of some great new flu pandemic, take a look at how you live your life on a day to day basis. Our lifestyles have changed dramatically during the past century. Although communicable diseases were the major cause of death 100 years ago, lifestyle seems to be the major cause of death in industrialized nations today.

Take a good look at how we live today and think about all of the diseases medical science has conquered. The top killers of 100 years ago were TB, pneumonia, polio, meningitis, typhoid and bacterial infections such as blood poisoning and gangrene. We have cures for those diseases today. Now our top killers are heart disease, cancer, and diseases or conditions brought on by aging or lifestyle, or both.

Although people have the potential to live longer, healthier lives these days, obesity and lack of exercise are likely to kill more people than any flu or other disease as our population ages.

What was the biggest difference between our ancestors and us? First, they had to do a lot of physical work just to survive. Secondly, they did not have the food resources we have today, and most of what they ate was "plain" food. They ate very little processed food. Most people did not have the time nor resources to become fat and lazy.

A comparison between us and our ancestors is food, but it is food for thought, and perhaps food for change.

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Princeton Lions Club donated two wheelchair ramps to New Beginnings for use on their bowling nights and any other time they need access somewhere. The ramps, worth about \$800.00, came from Creative Mobility in Penticton and will hold up to 175 pounds each. Standing from left, Lion George Judd, Community Services Executive Director Lynn Pelly and Lion Wayne Harrop. Brian Liberatore and Nicole Dorvault look anxious to give the ramps a whirl!

Princeton Court News
EXCLUSIVE TO THE NEWS LEADER
News Leader Court Reporter Dawn Johnson

Tabby goes to Provincial Court

As Provincial Court prepared to come to order last Thursday morning in Princeton, a well-fed tabby made his way across the courtroom. The sheriff promptly removed the unwanted feline. Showing the patience and persistence of an expert mouser, the tabby waited at the door of the

courthouse until a person entered, and made his way up the stairs to the courtroom hallway. The sheriff removed him again. By noon, the sheriff had removed the tabby five times. A compromise was reached when court reconvened after lunch. The

tabby made himself inconspicuous on the top step of the stairs and went to sleep. The sheriff, having suffered many uncomplimentary remarks from police and lawyers about animal cruelty, left the sleeping tabby where he was.

Driver pleads guilty

In Provincial Court in Princeton on March 16, 35 year old Joseph Hebert pled guilty to an impaired driving charge. Hebert was apprehended in a routine road check on March 5,

2005. As Hebert had no prior offences, he was ordered to pay the minimum \$600 fine and a \$90 victim fine surcharge, and had his driving privileges denied for one year.

Man changes plea

A former Hedley resident stood trial in Provincial Court in Princeton on March 16. William Bowles, age 68, was in a Princeton pub on September 11 with his wife. The waitress felt they had had enough and refused to serve them anything but water. The couple left, and the waitress saw them enter a vehicle and start

it. She called 911 to report a possible impaired driver. After hearing the evidence, Bowles changed his plea to guilty. He will appear in court in Penticton in September for sentencing. This allows Bowles time to clear up personal matters relating to the recent death of his wife.

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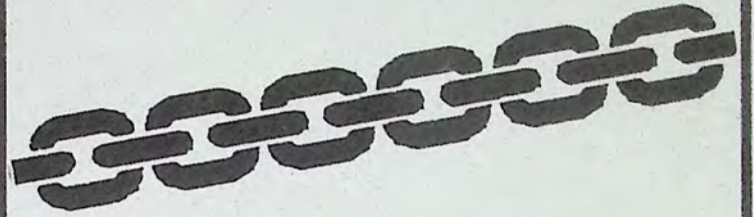


Dorothy Kozak proudly models the bra she created for Saturday night's Bra Auction. Kozak's contribution to the fundraising event was produced by hand.

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Bra Auction MC John Haayer, right, tries to convince the News Leader's Brenda Engel that her bid was not high enough during Saturday night's Bra Auction at Copper Mountain Bar & Grill.

Letter To The Editor

Pot smoker DAREs to disagree

To The Editor,
 RE: Students DARE To Beware

As a Federal Medical Marijuana License Holder who is also married to one, I oppose and resent much of what the D.A.R.E. program proclaims.

I applaud anyone's effort to keep kids off drugs, but D.A.R.E. spouts half-truths and bald-faced lies, while failing to mention the other side of the story. They do more harm than good, in my view, and many studies have corroborated that view. They perpetuate stereotypes and sow seeds of ignorance and prejudice.

Adults - especially the RCMP and programs like D.A.R.E. - have lost all credibility when it comes to drugs, because they lie and exaggerate the so-called "dangers" of marijuana. They tell kids that marijuana "is ten times more potent than before," will cause cancer, schizophrenia, impotence, permanent stupidity, and an addiction to hard drugs.

Science and history say otherwise, and when kids find the truth on their own (which is just a Google search away), they will realize that they have been systematically lied to by people they once trusted.

They will likely conclude that if adults lied about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and marijuana, they must be lying about meth, crack, heroin, ecstasy, booze, weapons, extreme sports, safe-sex and safe-driving, too. And who can blame them?

We live in a "drug culture" that advertises booze, fast cars, fast food, violent movies and video games, and drugs of all kinds on TV! Then we tell kids "Say no to drugs." We give kids Ritalin, instead of just reducing their sugar and Game-Boy intake, and then tell them "Marijuana is dangerous!" Kids see right though this hypocrisy. A ruse by any other name...

Taking the marijuana business out of the hands of teens and criminals and putting it into the hands of responsible adults is socially conservative. Generating tax revenue

from that industry is fiscally conservative, and using that money to teach kids why they should avoid drugs is morally conservative.

By not legalizing and regulating marijuana production and sales, we subsidize criminals, make pot easier for kids to access than either tobacco or alcohol, waste valuable police resources and billions of dollars annually, deprive ourselves of a source of valuable medicine, and miss out on \$3 billion in annual tax revenue.

For those keen on educating kids about drugs - without all the fear-mongering, hyperbole, and absurd hypocrisy of the standard "drug education" programs - I recommend the Educators For Sensible Drug Policy website at www.efsdp.org.

- Russell Barth
 Federal Medical Marijuana License Holder, Ottawa

Letter To The Editor

Organizers say 'thank you'

To The Editor;

On behalf of the Princeton Figure Skating Club I would like to add a few thank you's to individuals who helped with our annual Carnival.

Thank you to Sharan Jung for all of her help and the use of the Skills Centre for making decorations as well as writing the script; Scott Musgrove for a fantastic job as MC; Heather Musgrove for all her

hard work on the great decorations; Donna Kostiuik for putting the raffle baskets together; Amanda Carmichael and Merritt Printing for the huge job of putting the programs together and printing them.

The skating carnival was a huge success and it was definitely a collaborative effort. Thanks!
 - Shelly Lozinski, Princeton

Letter To The Editor

Joe slips in a short one

To The Editor,
 Is it possibly true that all along, President Bush's foreign policy and spiritual advisor since 9/11 has been Rev. Pat Robertson and not

Karl Rove?
 Pray that Prime Minister Steven Harper does not fall prey to Rev. Pat Robertson's counselling.
 Regards, Joe Schwarz, Princeton

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weekly entertainment guide

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006 THROUGH MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006



Darren Schultz of Bashaw, Alberta fights his way to a 'no score' in the Bareback event during last May's Princeton Pro Rodeo. Schultz had slapped his horse with his free hand.

Rodeo season approaches

Rodeo Committees in both Princeton and Keremeos are busy finalizing plans for their upcoming rodeo events.

Princeton will host the British Columbia Professional Bullrider Association with a one-night 'Bull-A-Rama' event scheduled for Friday, May 12th.

That event will be followed by the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association Princeton Pro Rodeo

on Saturday and Sunday, May 13th and 14th.

Princeton Rodeo Club has hosted the CPRA-sanctioned event for the past five years and this will be the first time the group has hosted the BCPB Bullriders event.

The Friday night show is expected to draw about 40 bullriders.

Keremeos Elks Club has hosted a 68-year tradition with the annual Keremeos Elks Rodeo.

This year's event, a British Columbia Rodeo Association-sanctioned rodeo, is set to take place on Sunday and Monday, May 21st and 22nd. All three events will feature stock from C+ Rodeos.

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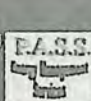
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The Loot Goes To

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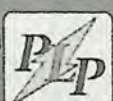
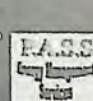
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It's that time of year again! Princeton's Renee Willis rounds a barrel on her way to a time of 17.60 at last May's Princeton Pro Rodeo. Her time earned First Place in Ladies Barrel Racing.



Stephen Hohmann of Quesnel in the Saddle Bronc event in last year's Princeton Pro Rodeo.

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tuesday movies

MORNING

7:00 am WTBS (3) ★ "The Day My Parents Ran Away" (1993, Comedy) Blair Brown. A lazy teenager learns about love and responsibility the hard way after his frustrated parents leave home. (E)
10:00 am CITY (29) "Seduced and Betrayed" (1995, Suspense) Susan Lucci. A vindictive widow vows to ruin the marriage and career of the happily married man who spurned her advances.

State-of-the-art special effects stir up this tale of tornado chasers on a perilous quest to test a new sensor device. (E)

10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Psycho" (1998, Suspense) Vince Vaughn. Gus Van Sant's remake of the Hitchcock classic about an embezzler who checks into a remote motel run by a psychopath. (E)

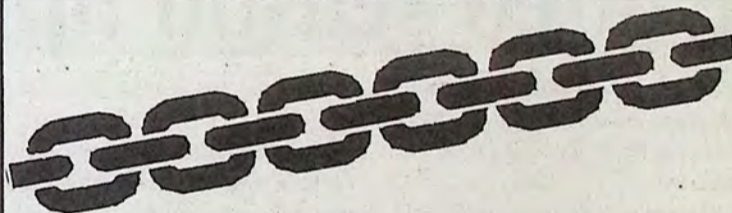
10:15 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Twister" (1996, Drama) (PA) Helen Hunt. State-of-the-art special effects stir up this tale of tornado chasers on a perilous quest to test a new sensor device. (E)

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8:15 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Twister" (1996, Drama) (PA) Helen Hunt.

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wednesday movies

MORNING

7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Big Business" (1988, Comedy) Bette Midler. Two sets of identical twins separated at birth converge in Manhattan on opposite sides of a corporate maneuver. (E)
10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Frank Nitti: The Enforcer" (1988, Drama) Anthony LaPaglia. The story of mobster Frank Nitti, the man who became the king of Chicago's underworld during Al Capone's imprisonment. (E)

before a mad scientist harnesses its power for world domination. (E)

8:15 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams. In Miami Beach a gay couple pretend to be man and wife when a son's future father-in-law and family visit. (E)

10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Ringmaster" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Jerry Springer. People having sordid affairs appear with their loved ones on a talk-show host's popular, controversial TV program. (E)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003, Action) Angelina Jolie. Premiere. The globe-trotting adventuress must find Pandora's box

10:45 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Big Business" (1988, Comedy) Bette Midler. Two sets of identical twins separated at birth converge in Manhattan on opposite sides of a corporate maneuver. (E)

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006

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Similkameen News Leader Community Calendar

MARCH

- 27 - PSS PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM
28 - Parent/Teacher Interviews, PSS, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

APRIL

- 14 - Good Friday
16 - Chopaka Rodeo, Chopaka Rodeo Grounds
16 - Easter Fun Sunday, Don & Anna's, Keremeos
17 - Easter Monday
24 - PSS PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM
27 - PSS Family Fair

MAY

- 6 - Stamp Mill Days, Hedley
12 - Bull-A-Rama, PXA Grounds, Princeton
13 - Keremeos Kruncher, Keremeos
13, 14 - Princeton Pro Rodeo, PXA Grounds
20 - Lawn Mower Races, Keremeos Rodeo Grounds
22 - Victoria Day
21, 22 - Keremeos Elks Rodeo, Keremeos
25-28 - Music Under the K, Keremeos
27 - PSS Graduation Ceremonies, 12 Noon, PSS
29 - PSS PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM

JUNE

- 14 - PSS Athletic Banquet, 5:30 PM
27 - PSS Awards Ceremony

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- * Otter Valley Fish & Game Club regular meetings 3rd Saturday of month, noon, at clubhouse
- * Similkameen Christian Riders meet at Dairy Queen every Wednesday evening at 6 pm for a ride. To join, show up
- * Princeton Writers Group meets every second and fourth Thursday 7pm at Riverside Wellness Centre
- * Hospital Auxiliary meets 2nd Monday each month at 2 pm Hospital board room
- * PGH/Ridgewood Lodge Foundation meets 2nd Monday, 12:15 Hospital Boardroom
- * Hedley Library open 2-7pm Thursdays
- * Princeton Paintball Club meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. Contact 295-0673
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- * Princeton Fish & Game Club meets first Monday of month at 7 p.m. at Weyerhaeuser training building Call Ray 295-7508.
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- * Princeton Motor Sports meets the first Tuesday of month 5:30 pm Arena Mezzanine
- * Southern Cruisers Similkameen Chapter #53 meets for rides every Thursday night.
- * Vermilion Trails Society meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
- * Princeton GSAR meets first 3 Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Hospital Board Room.
- * Princeton Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
- * Princeton Toastmasters Club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in the Seniors Drop-In Centre.
- * Course Of Miracles Group meets every Tuesday, 7:00 PM at The Anchorage on Vermilion.
- * Princeton Area BEA meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. 7:00 PM, Skills Centre.

thursday movies

MORNING

- 7:00 am WTBS (3) ***"Outrageous Fortune" (1987, Comedy) Bette Midler. Two aspiring actresses begin a chaotic cross-country search after learning their presumed-dead lover isn't deceased. [E]
- 10:00 am CITY (29) ***½"Manhunt: Search for the Night Stalker" (1989, Drama) Richard Jordan. Based on the true story of the hunt for and capture of California's homicidal "Night Stalker." [E]
- 11:30 am A&E (9) ***½"A River Runs Through It" (1992, Drama) Craig Sheffer. Fly fishing and Oscar-winning cinematography frame this account of Norman Maclean's relationship with his brother. [E]

AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm WGN (38) "Wicked Minds" (2002, Suspense) Angie Everhart. After returning home from college, a young man embarks on a passionate affair that leads to the murder of his father. (In Stereo) [E]

EVENING

- 6:00 pm WTBS (3) ***"Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg. Lounge singer Deloris and her nun friends try to turn neighborhood youths into a choir to save a school from closing. [E]
- 8:10 pm WTBS (3) ***½"Made in America" (1993, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg. An unlikely bond forms between a black woman and the white man who fathered her daughter via a sperm bank deposit. [E]
- 10:06 pm CITY (29) ***"Palmetto" (1998, Suspense) Woody Harrelson. Released after two years in a jail, a framed reporter helps a blonde and her daughter with a kidnapping scheme. [E]
- 10:10 pm WTBS (3) ***"Outrageous Fortune" (1987, Comedy) Bette Midler. Two aspiring actresses begin a chaotic cross-country search after learning their presumed-dead lover isn't deceased. [E]

friday movies

MORNING

- 7:00 am WTBS (3) ***"Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg. Lounge singer Deloris and her nun friends try to turn neighborhood youths into a choir to save a school from closing. [E]
- 10:00 am CITY (29) ***½"The Preppie Murder" (1989, Drama) Danny Aiello. A sensationalistic murder trial follows the death of a young woman in New York's Central Park. Based on a true story. [E]

AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm CITY (29) ***½"Life or Something Like It" (2002, Comedy) Angelina Jolie. A television reporter re-examines herself after a homeless seer tells her she has but one week to live. [E]
- WGN (38) ***"Trojan War" (1997, Comedy) Will Friedle. A young woman wants her platonic relationship with a male buddy to blossom into a full-fledged romance. (In Stereo) [E]

EVENING

- 6:00 pm WTBS (3) ***"My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts.

- Premiere. A writer tries to stop her former lover from marrying another woman, a guileless heiress. [E]
- 7:30 pm FAM (26) ***"Camp Nowhere" (1994, Comedy) Jonathan Jackson. Premiere. An ex-drama coach helps a band of misfit children realize their dream of creating their very own secret summer camp.
- 8:00 pm KNOW (5) ***½"A Room With a View" (1986, Drama) Helena Bonham-Carter. An English miss tours 1907 Florence with her cousin and meets a soulmate. [E]
- VTV (22) "Playing House" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Colin Ferguson. A charming man tempts a woman plunged into domesticity after a surprise pregnancy. (In Stereo) [E] (DVS)
- 8:10 pm WTBS (3) ***"While You Were Sleeping" (1995, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. A Chicago woman's lonely existence changes for the better when the man she secretly desires falls into a coma. [E]
- 9:06 pm FAM (26) ***"Married to the Mob" (1988, Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer. An FBI agent gets close to a gangster's widow in order to nab a crime boss.

Horoscopes

March 22 - 29, 2006

Aries - You are in your element now. This is the time of year when you can achieve the most through using your energy in a positive way to pursue your goals. Do positive planning.

Taurus - This week and next, do some thinking about deeper issues of life. Spiritual values need to be examined and related to daily life. Money issues affect partner, friends. They are kind.

Gemini - Tension comes from health, job problems. Guard against colds, flu. Plans change this weekend. Put travel plans on hold. Deal with other issues. Job demands change.

Cancer - Career is a burden this week. You want change, but money seems scarce. Your mind is active, you may have suspicions. Look for truth, check facts. Short trips are possible.

Leo - You may feel tied down this week, and this weekend. You would like to be on the go, but obligations at home come first. Partner, family matters need clear plans for future.

Virgo - All matters related to taxes, investments, insurance and inheritance are highlighted this week. A sibling is good to you. Guard against colds, flu, infections. Sweets make you sick.

Libra - Issues related to partner, plans for future, seem to be on hold, but focus changes this weekend. Positive news comes from those at a distance. Health issues improve.

Scorpio - Family life is active, but tension arises from matters dealing with taxes, investments, resources you share with others. Health problems slow you down this weekend. Rest.

Sagittarius - You would really like to have more fun in your life, but this weekend is dull. Some good news makes you feel positive. Avoid boredom through sports activities.

Capricorn - Family burdens come to the forefront now and you have a lot to take care of. Do financial planning now, and take care of health issues. Look for needed news this weekend.

Aquarius - You may be able to proceed this week with some financial plans that have been on hold for a long time. Proceed with great caution. Sibling can be balky, difficult.

Pisces - Pleasant plans for family travel may occupy your mind this week. Clear out financial matters, taxes, this weekend.

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Similkameen News Leader Recipe Corner (Recipe #107)

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- 4 (1-inch thick) Tenderloin steaks
- 2 tbsp peanut oil
- salt & pepper to taste
- 2 cups of Magnotta Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1 cup beef stock
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 3 tbsp shallots, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp parsley, finely chopped

Soak one bundle of wine vines in wine or water for about 30 minutes. Brush steaks with oil and season with salt and pepper. Place wine in saucepan over high heat. Reduce to half. Add beef stock, balsamic vinegar and shallots. Reduce again by half. Remove from heat and add the parsley. Spread Vines for Grilling over ready to cook coals and grill steaks to desired doneness. Serve with Cabernet sauce. Using Magnotta Vines for Grilling: Soak one bundle of wine vines for each recipe in wine or water for about 30 minutes. Spread them over ready to cook coals in your charcoal or gas grill. Helpful hint for easy clean-up: if using a gas grill, place some foil in the bottom, below the vines. After grilling is complete and the grill has cooled, remove the foil, ashes and all!

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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006

Table with 20 columns (WTBS, CBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX 41, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and 24 rows (6 AM to 11 PM) showing TV schedules for Friday, March 24, 2006.

saturday movies

MORNING

7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★½"Something to Talk About" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Julia Roberts. A betrayed wife disrupts the lives of all around her when she retreats to her family's horse farm. (E)

8:00 am A&E (9) ★★½"Falling Down" (1993, Drama) Michael Douglas. A traffic jam helps push a stressed-out former defense worker to the breaking point and beyond. (E)

9:30 am WTBS (3) ★★"Stepmom" (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts. A New York fashion photographer contends with her boyfriend's children and ex-wife. (E) (DVS)

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★"Kazaam" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Shaquille O'Neal. A gigantic genie adapts to modern society while waiting for a troubled 12-year-old to request his three wishes. (E)

12:15 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"You've Got Mail" (1998, Romance-

Comedy) Tom Hanks. Professional rivalry threatens to thwart romance when anonymous e-mail pals meet each other. (E)

12:45 pm CITY (29) ★★½"Top Gun" (1986, Adventure) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot tangles with MiGs and flirts with a civilian astrophysicist. (E)

1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½"Searching for David's Heart" (2004, Drama) Danielle Panabaker. A grief-stricken teenager tries to find the recipient of her late brother's heart.

2:45 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"While You Were Sleeping" (1995, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. A Chicago woman's lonely existence changes for the better when the man she secretly desires falls into a coma. (E)

4:00 pm KTLA (27) ★★½"The Straight Story" (1999, Drama) Richard Farnsworth. An old man buys a John Deere tractor and drives from Iowa to Wisconsin to see his estranged, ailing brother. (In Stereo)

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts. A writer tries to stop her former lover

from marrying another woman, a guileless heiress. (E)

WGN (38) ★★½"Playing God" (1997, Drama) David Duchovny. A decertified surgeon accepts a job as personal doctor for a Los Angeles mobster sought by the FBI. (In Stereo) (E)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★½"Dead Awake" (2001, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin. A strange chain of events is triggered after an insomniac is witness to a murder during a nighttime stroll. (E)

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★"Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler. A devious reporter tries to create a scandal involving the good-natured heir to a media tycoon's fortune. (E)

8:00 pm KSPS (6) ★★½"The Nutty Professor" (1963, Comedy) Jerry Lewis. A meek professor is transformed into an irresistible charmer who can have any woman except the one he wants.

KXLY (10) ★★½"Signs" (2002, Science Fiction) Mel Gibson. Premiere. A former clergyman and his family discover that the strange crop circles in his cornfield have an alien origin. (In Stereo) (E)

9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"Something to Talk About" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Julia Roberts. A betrayed wife disrupts the lives of all around her when she retreats to her family's horse farm. (E)

KNOW (5) "The Secret of Bay 5B" (1988, Mystery) John Thaw. Inspector Morse tackles the case of a car-park murder in which the only clues are a diary and a parking ticket.

YTV (18) ★★½"Wayne's World 2" (1993, Comedy) Mike Myers. The late Jim Morrison tells "Saturday Night Live's" Wayne Campbell to organize a huge rock concert. (In Stereo) (E)

FAM (26) ★★"The 6th Man" (1997, Comedy) Marlon Wayans. The ghost of a college basketball player helps his younger brother carry their team to victory.

CITY (29) ★★½"The Longest Yard" (1974, Comedy) Burt Reynolds. An imprisoned quarterback coaches a group of convicts for a no-holds-barred football game against the guards. (E)

WGN (38) ★★½"The Silence of the Lambs" (1991, Suspense) Jodie Foster. An FBI trainee seeks advice from a brilliant, psychopathic prisoner to catch a killer who skins his victims. (In Stereo) (E)

10:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½"Mr. Holland's Opus" (1995, Drama)

Richard Dreyfuss. Life steers a passionate musician away from composing and toward a teaching career.

11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"Dangerous Minds" (1995, Drama) Michelle Pfeiffer. A dedicated English teacher at an inner-city school works to challenge and inspire her class of under-achievers. (E)

11:30 pm CITY (29) ★★½"Top Gun" (1986, Adventure) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot tangles with MiGs and flirts with a civilian astrophysicist. (E)

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sunday movies

MORNING

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10:00 am WTBS (3) ★★"Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler. A devious reporter tries to create a scandal involving the good-natured heir to a media tycoon's fortune. (E)

WGN (38) ★★½"The Straight Story" (1999, Drama) Richard Farnsworth. An old man buys a John Deere tractor and drives from Iowa to Wisconsin to see his estranged, ailing brother. (In Stereo) (E)

11:00 am A&E (9) ★★½"Lean on Me" (1989, Docudrama) Morgan Freeman. Principal Joe Clark goes to bat against drugs, crime and bad grades in his Paterson, N.J., high school. (E)

CITY (29) ★★"Major League: Back to the Minors" (1998, Comedy) Scott Bakula. Premiere. The manager of minor-league team the South Carolina Buzz prepares the players for a confrontation with formidable opponents. the

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★½"Life With Mikey" (1993, Comedy) Michael J. Fox. The irresponsible head of a talent agency gains a new perspective when fate pairs him with a streetwise 10-year-old.

1:00 pm KTLA (27) ★★½"Addicted to Love" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Meg Ryan. An astronomer and a woman who broke into his loft join forces to spy on their ex-lovers and plot their revenge. (In Stereo)

1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½"Tiger Cruise" (2004, Drama) Hayden Panettiere. Terrorists strike on Sept. 11, 2001, while a teenager is visiting her father aboard the USS Constellation.

2:00 pm VTV (22) ★★½"Heartbreakers" (2001, Comedy) Sigourney Weaver. Mother and daughter con-artists try to swindle a cigarette tycoon, but things go wrong when one falls in love. (In Stereo) (E)

3:00 pm KTLA (27) ★★½"The Straight Story" (1999, Drama)

Minnesota Twins. (E)

Richard Farnsworth. An old man buys a John Deere tractor and drives from Iowa to Wisconsin to see his estranged, ailing brother. (In Stereo)

4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★"Addams Family Reunion" (1998, Comedy) Tim Curry. The altogether ooky Addamses wreak havoc at a like-named but totally unrelated family's reunion party. (In Stereo) (E)

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts. A writer tries to stop her former lover from marrying another woman, a guileless heiress. (E)

EVENING

6:00 pm YTV (18) ★★"Richie Rich" (1994, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin. The boy billionaire saves his parents and Rich Industries from a scheming executive. (In Stereo) (E)

CITY (29) ★★½"The Italian Job" (2003, Crime Drama) Mark Wahlberg. Premiere. A master thief and his crew plan to steal back a fortune in gold bullion after they lose it to a double-crossing gang member. (E)

7:15 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts. A writer tries to stop her former lover from marrying another woman, a

guileless heiress. (E)

9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★½"Heaven Can Wait" (1978, Fantasy) Warren Beatty. Heavenly executive Mr. Jordan allows an angry quarterback, taken before his time, to return to Earth as a millionaire. (E)

9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"Mr. Mom" (1983, Comedy) Michael Keaton. A rising young executive gets an on-the-job education in housekeeping after he loses his job and his wife goes to work. (E)

10:32 pm FAM (26) ★★½"My Father, the Hero" (1994, Comedy) Gérard Depardieu. A vacationing 14-year-old turns heads when she pretends that her father is actually her lover to impress an older boy.

11:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½"Excess Baggage" (1997, Adventure) Alicia Silverstone. A teen's fake kidnapping scheme backfires when a thief steals her car while she is locked in the trunk. (E)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2006

Table for Sunday, March 26, 2006. Columns include channel numbers (WTBS, CBC, etc.) and program titles. Rows are categorized by time slots (AM, PM, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11).

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006

Television schedule grid with columns for station (WTBS, CBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITV, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX 41, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and rows for time slots (6:30 AM to 11:30 PM).

monday movies

MORNING

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EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Josh Hartnett. A young man meets the girl of his dreams after vowing to avoid any physical contact with women during Lent.

8:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Dumb & Dumber" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. Two intellectually challenged buddies follow a woman to Colorado to return the ransom-filled briefcase she left behind.

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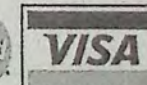
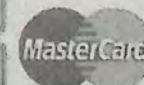
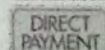
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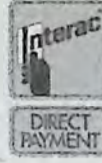
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my turn

Wanna make a fast \$275.00?

Princeton Town Council sent out a message last month that was loud and clear.

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We hadn't really thought much about it until an astute reader of ours pointed it out to us.

We couldn't recall if the Town of Princeton had actually commissioned the artwork, or was it just a case of artist approaching Council for payment of an interesting idea.

It then occurred to us that we have provided Town Council with many great ideas - at least as far as we're concerned - on how to do many things in our community over the 25 months this paper has been operated by its current owner.

Since we don't always discuss Town Council in this column, we used a formula of 1.5 columns per month which gave us the figure of 37.5 ideas we have given away, tossed out there and otherwise conjured up.

So, to cut Town Council some slack, we thought we'd only charge them for half of them, which brings us down to 18.75 not bad ideas that - according to the newly implemented 'Bunn Factor' - are worth \$275.00 each.

That means Town Council owes us a total of \$5,156.25. Imagine what they owe other local residents who approach them with even better ideas and drawings than we could come up with!

If you have any such ideas you'd like to sell to the Town of Princeton, it appears they are in the buying mood.

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your turn

Reader examines the travelling road show

To The Editor;

"Over the coming months the Premier and Education Minister will visit every school district in BC" - Speech from the Throne, February 14th, 2006.

So Gordon Campbell and Shirley Bond plan to visit all 60 school districts in BC in the next few months to meet with "educators, parents and students to seek their ideas for positive change in education."

Let's hope they get an earful. Promising "to listen and learn at the community level" this upcoming tour, on the face of it, could be a truly worthwhile endeavour; however, given the government's record on underfunding of our public schools, over the past four years, this is clearly a fence-mending exercise.

With the worst relations with the province's teachers of any provincial government, in the past four decades, culminating in bitter teachers' strike last fall, in which Victoria lost popular support for its hard-line stand, this government has to make up lost ground. This is clearly one of the aims of the upcoming tour.

Sadly, the Liberal-lite speech from the throne continues its Ideological battle with the provincial teachers' organization. By stating that it "ran on a pledge to communicate directly with all teachers in BC" and by boasting that it will hold "the first-ever Teachers Congress later this year" it risks a rekindling of animosities.

This is clearly an effort to sidestep the organization that officially represents the province's teachers and return to the Harris-like

Ideological battles. It hardly signals a government that "wants to learn."

Questions abound about both the upcoming tour and the provincial Teachers Congress. Who will be invited to the congress? How will they be invited? Will a selected, direct, invitation be issued to teachers or sent out through school boards? Will Victoria cover all the costs (transportation, accommodations, meals)? What is the estimated cost of the conference? Why not co-host, and co-operatively co-sponsor, and share expenses, for this event with BCTF? And will BCTF, in view of the calculated snub, boycott the conference and ask its members to do so?

Given the very strong support that individual teachers gave the BCTF, on a daily basis, during the strike, and their rejection of Victoria's efforts to demonize their organization, they will not take too kindly to the latest snub. And what about the burning issue of class size and composition?

The law-and-order lesson that the government has learned from its recently published data, as stated in the throne speech, is, that it "will ensure that all school districts live within the current class size limits established by law."

This tired old chestnut is hauled out once again, and no doubt will be resoundingly repeated by Campbell and Bond, as they tour: blame those (and they won't state this, underfunded) school boards

for non-compliance with the law.

Hopefully, some participants in the province-wide tour will remind them of the recent ruling by the BC Human Rights Tribunal's, that the province discriminates against learning disabled students when it fails to give them proper support. Or, will a class action suit by hundreds of parents of learning disabled kids be needed to hammer home the message?

And hopefully, many parents who continue to fund raise for their local schools, will challenge Bond on her recent off-the-wall statement - one of many, as her ministry now pumps out record numbers of slanted press releases and newsletters - that due to the recent infusion of funds from teachers, salaries, withheld during the strike, that "textbook shortages are now a thing of the past" in BC.

So as school boards prepare to welcome Campbell and Bond (it will be mostly Bond, as Campbell will be on a European junket with his health minister, visiting Sweden, Norway, France and the United Kingdom) they should remember that this provincial road trip has all the hallmarks of the previous, provincial, put-on, organized last fall by Bond's ministry, and use the occasion to provide a course correction for both of them.

- Noel Herron, False Creek
(Editor's Note: Noel Herron is a former school trustee and elementary school Principal.)

Similkameen News Leader

There Are No Chains On Us!

Current Comment:

What our younger folk don't know



Dawn Johnson
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Television can be a great educational tool, not only for the very young, but for the middle-aged.

Last week, my daughter and I watched a television movie about Tommy Douglas. My daughter, born in time to experience the '60's, had no idea who Tommy Douglas was, or why he was among the "great" Canadians. I was glad television told the story. I had forgotten my children and their children did not grow up knowing what Tommy Douglas did for all of us.

I was especially pleased the movie was made in this time of arch conservatism in politics. We live in a time when our medicare system is being eroded, when homelessness haunts every city, and where food banks are an ongoing fact of life.

Tommy Douglas would have been fighting for us now if he were still around.

He had lived in a time when a poor Canadian could not receive hospital care, even in a life-threatening emergency, if cash was not put on the admitting desk first. He saw men murdered by the police for protesting low wages. He saw people subjected to shame because they could not find work or because their crops had failed.

He quit his first job as a Baptist minister because the church did not approve of his entering the political arena as a candidate. The church did not want him involved in "godless politics".

What the church did not understand was that it was his Christian principles that led Douglas into politics to make politics less godless.

Right here, in our own community during those dreadful days of the Great Depression, men seeking decent wages were beaten by police and "business" people for going on strike. Some local people joined the KKK to get rid of striking miners they called "communists" and "Bolsheviks". Tommy Douglas was branded with those labels, too.

In those days, men were thrown into jail for "vagrancy" if they had no visible means of support.

Men who went "on relief" (welfare) lost their right to vote, as if being poor meant you became dis-

qualified from the rights afforded every citizen. I remember my father speaking of quitting a "relief" job on the Hope-Princeton highway because they took away his vote.

He was a single parent raising three children, but he would not give up his right to vote just because he needed a job.

This was the world of Tommy Douglas, and he saw the injustice of it and vowed to do all he could to change it. He, and like-minded Canadians, were successful in changing it. Saskatchewan benefited first, but other provinces followed Saskatchewan's lead, thanks to the CCF party. Younger folk may not know that this prairie party evolved into the New Democratic Party.

The Liberals and Progressive Conservatives fought against Tommy Douglas. They made fun of his ideas, they slandered him and made him sound like the enemy, but they lost because ordinary Canadians began to see the truth and voted for change.

As a result of these changes, we have medicare, a 40-hour work week, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, the right to strike, government hospital insurance, and social assistance. It is no longer a crime to be poor or protest unfair wages and working conditions.

These are the gifts Tommy Douglas and the CCF gave to us, and we should remember the value of those gifts, and remember the courage it took to go after a system prepared to look after fellow citizens.

As for those arch conservatives who balked at helping their fellow Canadians, I hope they understand that the benefits we enjoy today should not be up for grabs because those benefits have made Canada, and Canadians, one of the richest nations in the world.

Looking after one another is founded on Christian principles, but these principles have an economic spin-off. When people do not have to fear joblessness, or poverty, they spend money and the entire economy thrives.

Governments tell us today there is not enough money to keep our health care system going. Well, I say they are wrong. When this system first began in Saskatchewan, there was NO money for it. Our nation was recovering from 10 years of Depression followed by six years of war.

I wonder what Tommy Douglas would say today about having a medicare system in which the rich can get service faster than the poor because they can afford to get private medical and hospital care. I suspect he would see it as a step backward.

What would Tommy Douglas say about people sleeping in the street and food banks for not only jobless people but for people who work and still cannot afford to go without assistance?

I wonder where the Christians are today who ought to be out there demanding we take better care of each other.

I am certain Tommy Douglas would have something to say about it.

Heart Food

by Dave Machin

When I was growing up I had no choice, I had to go to church. The one thing that scared me the most was having to listen to sermons about Jesus coming back to earth again. I knew in my heart that if that happened I was not ready to meet Him. Even though He did not and has not come up to this point - the truth still remains - JESUS IS COMING. I don't know if it soon, but I do know that He is coming and it's sooner than we think. Just take a good look around you. It does not matter where you live - there is more glory, more preaching, more believers and even more hell on this earth than there has ever been before. It's nothing like mankind has ever seen. You and I are now operating in a whole new time frame. When we made Jesus the Lord of our lives, we moved over into His time schedule and He came into ours. What I really want you to grasp is the Jesus' time frame and the world's do not function the same. Yes, we are in the same space as the rest of the world but we are not functioning the same. From the very beginning, God has gives us the time frame in which He will work with mankind. For example, in Genesis we see that God created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh. Then He gave mankind a 6000 year lease on the earth. Jesus was born 4000 years into that time frame - or in the fourth day. For all practical purposes 2000 years have come and gone since Jesus' birth and ministry - which is 6000 years since Adam was created. So where does that put us on our spiritual clock? We have entered a sliver of time between Adam's lease on earth and the time period we read about in Acts 2: 19&20. I declare to you that Jesus is coming! He is about to arise from His heavenly throne and return to earth. He may not have stood up yet but I guarantee you He is on the edge of His seat. The day of the Lord is coming soon. He will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth below. Are you ready? He does not want you left out because He is good, His word is good and good all the time.

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Letter To The Editor

BCTF President speaks out on issues

To The Editor,

The latest buzz around the Ministry of Education is 'school-centred leadership' and 'shared business systems.' They're all part of 'repurposing school boards.'

Say what? Rumours of radical change in education governance first surfaced last October, immediately after our teachers' strike and in the middle of the hot municipal election campaign.

That's when the deputy minister of education told the BC School Trustees' Association that this could well be their last election, at least under current structures. If school boards are not to be eliminated, they will have to be 'repurposed,' he said. The timeline to redefine education governance? Spring sitting of the legislature.

School board candidates must have wondered: Am I running for a position that's about to be abolished? From the shock on the faces of incumbent trustees, it was evident the ministry had not even begun consultations on its latest concept for sweeping change -- even as the change was being signaled. (This is standard modus operandi for the BC Liberals, who often enact significant policy shifts with no notice whatsoever. Major players such as the teachers' federation or the trustees' association learn of the change from reporters calling for reaction.)

'School centred leadership' may have a nice ring to it, but it weakens the autonomy of elected school boards and could lead to their

demise. It essentially means downloading responsibility and accountability onto school communities, while retaining funding control at the top.

With every principal like a CEO of his or her own school's budget, there will be intense competition for scarce resources, and ever-deeper inequities between schools in 'have' and 'have-not' neighbourhoods.

It's a convenient strategy for a government facing political heat: just pass that hot potato on down the line. It's also convenient for a government intent on regionalizing business systems across school districts.

Teachers are concerned that democratically elected school boards are under imminent threat. The denials and evasiveness of government officials only add to our worries.

We strongly believe that school boards still can and should play an important role in making decisions about education. For more than a century, locally elected trustees have helped build their communities through public education. They give parents a legitimate and effective venue for their concerns and ideas, and help make public schools more responsive to local needs. That democratic tradition in school governance must not be relinquished and should not be undermined.

The undemocratic thinking behind 'school centred leadership' is illustrated in one of the diagrams ministry officials use to sell the idea to superintendents, principals, and other management stakeholders.

The conceptual diagram is circular, with the principal and school planning council at the centre surrounded by arrows pointing to accountability plans and achievement data. Significantly, those left outside the circle are students, teachers, parents, support staff, trustees, superintendents, secretary treasurers, and the community!

It highlights the need for everyone on the education scene to practice the active citizenship we all agree schools should model for students. Certainly teachers intend to continue raising our concerns about the potential loss of democratic governance of our public schools.

It's ironic that a government that claims to be 'all about achievement' would model its reforms on failed experiments from the United States, Britain and New Zealand. Student achievement on international standardized tests, the very measures this government values so highly, shows that our schools are far more successful than those in the jurisdictions the Liberals would have us emulate.

BC schools need care and stability, not more legislated changes or experiments. Let's not adopt a two-tier approach. Let's act now to defend our democratic tradition of locally elected school boards dedicated to educating the next generation, from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

For more information, please visit the website located at www.bctf.ca/education/school-boards.

- Jinny Sims, President BCTF



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Team Breast Friends Barb Gagnon and Paula Anderson with some of the bras prior to Saturday night's Bra Auction fundraiser.

Letter To The Editor

Senior criticizes Princeton area EDO

To The Editor;

A recent article concerning the success of Merritt attracting 454-million in investment over the past five years featured Nicola Valley Economic Development Officer Deanne Parise literally spelling out the way to success for our region. Parise said that the key to success in Merritt had come about from everyone working together in the community.

Merritt's business-like approach means that an Economic Development Commission decides what kinds of business can best be attracted to the area, and corporations or other companies are then

researched.

Didn't we know this already? How many Economic Development Officers has Princeton gone through in the past fourteen years or so? Possibly the Town Councils haven't been giving the proper directive.

For years there has been way too much harping and emphasis about tourism at the expense of the Industrial Park and the enticement of industries and business. If we can't attract businesses then we won't get an influx of young families to our community where the breadwinners are being paid respectable wages. If this doesn't

happen and there becomes less children in the community, how are we going to retain our school population or even think of having a recreational centre?

In conclusion, I would like to ask our Economic Development Officer, Michael McLaughlin, how many businesses has he researched and possibly contacted? If he hasn't done any research then is it the fault of his boss, Town Council?

- Monty Raine, Princeton
(Editor's Note: Princeton Town Council is only a small part of the committee that makes up the Similkameen Valley Planning Society - the EDO's actual 'boss'.)

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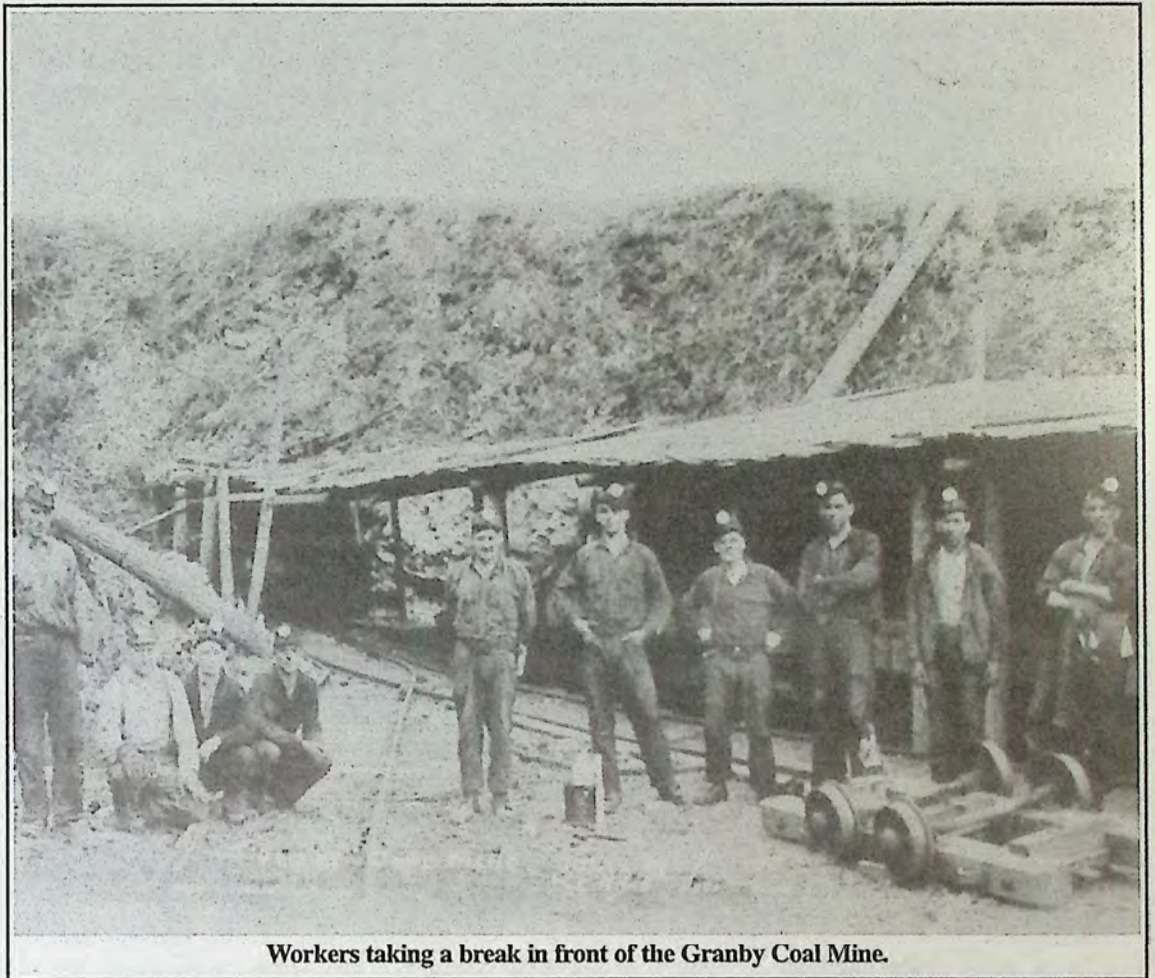
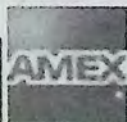
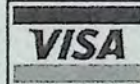
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Workers taking a break in front of the Granby Coal Mine.

History of local Coal Mining

by Nick Mills
Operations Manager, Princeton
Museum & Archives

In 1858, J. F. Allison had first discovered coal on the right bank of the Similkameen River just above the forks. This outcrop attracted early settlers who mined their own coal and hauled it over the ice on sleighs to their homes.

Princeton and Coalmont, on the Tulameen River, were set to become the two centres of coal mining in the twin Valleys.

Princeton Coal area covers approximately 40 square miles; the seam near the forks proved to be 24 feet thick and was the first to be developed in the area. In October 1897, the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company located four square miles, which included the present townsite of Princeton, then a ranch owned by S. D. Sands who was later to become son-in-law to John Fall Allison. The following Spring this Company began developing the coal seam.

In the absence of railway facilities large-scale development was not possible, so between 1898 and 1910 only local demands were met.

In 1910, with the arrival in Princeton of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern (VV&E) Railway, a subsidiary of J. J. Hill's Great Northern, the Company resolved itself into the Princeton Coal and Land Company and continued its operations until 1923. By this time daily output was 200 tons and 120 men were employed.

The mine was taken over in 1923 by the Princeton BC Collieries Ltd., but unfortunately had to be abandoned a year later when frequent fires underground made operational costs too high.

Subsequently it belonged to

Princeton Properties Ltd. After 1923 a number of new Companies appeared and started their own coal mining operations around the area.

The Tulameen Valley Coal Company, with little or no capital, began production in 1924 and continued to do so for ten years. C. Hunter and B. Bowen having located this seam on the outskirts of the town on the West bank of the Tulameen River. Initially they trucked the coal into Princeton so securing the money for future development. Eventually Canadian Pacific's Kettle Valley Railway, which had first arrived in Princeton on November 15, 1915, built a spur line to the mine.

By the end of 1924 they had sold 1,075 tons and after 1927 the daily output was 200 tons.

Others were to follow, including the Lynden Coal Mine Ltd. at Nine Mile Creek, production beginning in 1927, whilst on the opposite bank of the river from Charlie Hunter's mine in 1928 W. R. Wilson founded the Pleasant Valley Mine. In 1947 the Pleasant Valley No. 4 was one of only two outfits still working in the area. Initially it was reached by another KVR spur that crossed the river on a trestle built of timbers originally used by the Great Northern Railway in 1910 to cross the Similkameen River just East of Princeton to reach the United Empire Mine (also called the Red Triangle) and the short lived and scandalized, "Elk Brand" Portland Cement Plant.

The only other remaining mine in 1947 was the Taylor Burson Coal Co. Ltd. No. 1 mine, the Tulameen Colliery No. 3 mine having closed in June of that year, but their production had been continued across the river at the abandoned Pleasant

Valley No. 4.

The Taylor Burson Mine was a small operation developing a steeply inclined seam at a point 800 feet above, and one mile from, the Tulameen River valley.

The first officially recorded output came from Princeton Colliery in 1909 with a declared output of 150 tons. The following year production was 11,868 tons since that time and up until the end of 1945 the coalfield produced a total of 1,640,518 tons. Some properties changed hands several times and the following list of coal production from individual operations refers to the name by which the property is best known:

- Granby Colliery, 454,819 tons
- Tulameen Colliery, 442,341 tons
- Princeton Colliery, 351, 702 tons
- Princeton Tulameen Mine, 172,420 tons
- Blue Flame Colliery (Nine Mile Creek), 131,012 tons
- Pleasant Valley Colliery, 80,741 tons
- Black Coal Mine, 3,731 tons
- United Empire (or Red Triangle), 2,492 tons
- Gem Domestic Mine, 538 tons
- Jackson Coal Mine, 374 tons
- Yale Colliery, 326 tons
- Ashington Mine, 22 tons
- Total: 1,640,518 tons

The largest annual output from any property was the 81,780 tons mined at the Granby Colliery in 1940 and since coal output was first recorded in 1909, 15 properties in the area are reported to have either mined coal or to have done prospecting and development work.

The Taylor Burson, last producing mine in Princeton, was closed in 1948. The highest total production year for the area was 1942continued next issue



Jessica McIvor sang some karaoke as part of "Open Mike Night" last Wednesday at Cowboy Coffee.

Free income tax service available

The 'Lend A Hand' Community Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Clinic has come to Princeton this year. Volunteers with experience took on added training with Canada Revenue Agency.

They have the computer software and are ready to file your income taxes. There are two clinic days.

Your may qualify for added government benefits and not know it. The volunteer income tax workers will have knowledge regarding these benefits and will claim available subsidies on your behalf. Some of these benefits are the GST rebates, BC Sales Tax Credit, Child Tax Credits and numerous benefits for seniors.

If you haven't claimed your income tax for a few years, the volunteers are prepared to claim back on those years.

You qualify for this program if your annual income is under \$25,000. For a couple, your combined income must be \$30,000 or less.

This valuable program helps individuals including the unemployed, homeless, seniors, single

parents, students, people with disabilities and a host of other situations.

You must have a simple tax situation, so this program cannot help persons with bankruptcies, capital gains and losses, employment expenses or business and rental income expenses or family tax situations around deceased persons.

You will need to provide the Income Tax Volunteer Workers with your name, address, social insurance number, marital status, date of birth, province of residence and your spouse's information if applicable. You will need to bring with you any T4 or other income related T-forms along with deductions from your income.

The first Volunteer Tax Preparation Clinic was held on Wednesday March 15th, with the second Income Tax Preparation Clinic to be held on Wednesday

April 12th at the Council Chambers of Princeton Town Hall. Two more sessions were scheduled late last week to take place from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 4th and Wednesday, April 5th. Both of these sessions will be in the Princeton Legion Hall. Look for the Lend a hand posters around town.

If you have questions regarding your income tax claim, please do not phone the Town of Princeton. Your questions will be answered at the clinic when you arrive.

If you need information in advance please phone Rosemary during the daytime at work at 295-7901 and leave a message if she is away from her desk.

You can also contact the Volunteer Income Tax Coordinator in Kelowna at 1-888-322-3622 or visit the Web page at www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer.

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